

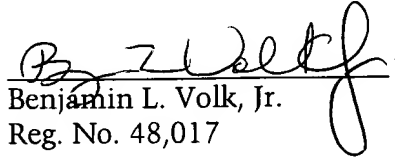


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE D WITH RCE

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. Also accompanying this response is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a petition for a 3 month extension of time, and the requisite fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.